REMARKS

As of this amendment, all rejected claims are cancelled. This includes claims 29-32, 36-38, 46, 48-51, and 54-59. Claims 1-13 were previously withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-25, 33-36, 40-45 and 52-53 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 35 USC § 102, 35 USC § 103

Since all rejected claims are cancelled, all rejections are rendered moot.

Conclusion

It is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the allowed claims, since all rejected claims have been cancelled. Please telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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